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I have the honour to attach herewith the statement issued on 5 February 2013 by the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement, representing 120 Member States on the act of aggression by Israel against the Syrian Arab Republic.

The statement condemns in the strongest possible terms the act of aggression committed by Israel against the Syrian Arab Republic on Wednesday, 30 January 2013, when Israeli warplanes violated the airspace of the Syrian Arab Republic and directly bombarded a scientific research centre in the Jamraya area located in the Rif Dimashq governorate.

The statement also considers this act a grave violation of the international law, the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Agreement on Disengagement between Israeli and Syrian Forces of 1974.

Furthermore, the statement holds Israel fully accountable for this act of aggression and its consequences, and requests the Security Council to shoulder its responsibility by clearly condemning this act of aggression.

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council (see annex).

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5 February 2013

Statement by the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on the Act of Aggression by Israel against the Syrian Arab Republic

The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement condemns, in the strongest possible terms, the act of aggression committed by Israel against the Syrian Arab Republic on Wednesday, 30 January 2013, when Israeli warplanes violated the airspace of the Syrian Arab Republic and directly bombarded a scientific research centre, in the Jamraya area located in the Rif Dimashq governorate. The attack resulted in the death of two Syrian civilians and the injury of five others, in addition to considerable material damages and the full destruction of the building.

The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement considers this act a grave violation of international law, as it infringes upon Syrian sovereignty and constitutes a blatant violation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Agreement on Disengagement between Israeli and Syrian Forces of 1974.

The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement, while expressing solidarity with the Syrian Arab Republic and holding Israel accountable for this act of aggression and its consequences, requests the Security Council to shoulder its responsibility by clearly condemning this act of aggression.